

AMENDING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS MARCH 12, 2013

Gratis Office Space To Enhance Services for Foster Youth

The California Youth Connection (CYC) is a non-profit State sanctioned advocacy organization that promotes the participation of current and former foster youth ages 14-24 in policy development and legislative change to improve the foster care system. The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), by offering gratis space to CYC, supports the CYC mission of empowering foster youth to make a positive change in policies affecting the child welfare system and promoting foster youth leadership opportunities at the local county level.

By locating CYC within the DCFS office, current and former foster youth are provided with a “one-stop-shop” opportunity to meet with their social workers and CYC staff within the same location. CYC will enhance the youth development culture within DCFS through leadership development opportunities and on the ground consultation services that promote foster youth resources and services in the Los Angeles area. CYC will also assist Youth Development Services with the implementation of AB 12 Extended Foster Care legislation within Los Angeles County.

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DCFS requests approval to allow CYC to occupy approximately 375 square feet of space on a gratis basis at the DCFS facility, located at 3530 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles ("the Property"). CYC will operate during DCFS business hours and adhere to terms and conditions contained in a Space Use Agreement prepared by DCFS and approved as to form by County Counsel.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Find pursuant to Government Code Section 26227 that the space used by CYC is not needed for County purposes now or during the term of the Space Use Agreement, and that the services provided by CYC to the local community will benefit foster youth, and serve public purposes to the benefit of the County and its residents.
2. Approve the CYC use of space at the Property under the Space Use Agreement prepared by DCFS and approved as to form by County Counsel.
3. Authorize the Director of DCFS to execute a Space Use Agreement for the gratis use of 375 square feet of space within the Property for a term of five (5) years during DCFS hours of operation.
4. Find that occupying the space at the Property under the Space Use Agreement is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Class 1 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.

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